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SUBJECT: OVERFLIGHT FEES FOR USG AIRCRAFT
REF: (A)CAIRO 3535 (B) CAIRO 2073 (C) CAIRO 327 (D)STATE
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1. EMBASSY SHOULD PROCEED WITH FORMAL APPROACH TO GOE ALONG
LINES SET FORTH PARA 2 OF REF D. REGARDING RECIPROCITY
ISSUE RAISED BY CHAIRMAN OF EGYPTIAN CIVIL AVIATION
AUTHORITY (REF B), EMBASSY SHOULD AGREE THAT PRINCIPLE OF
RECIPROCITY IS APPLICABLE TO EXEMPTION OF STATE AIRCRAFT
FROM OVERFLIGHT FEES. THE REQUIREMENTS OF RECIPROCITY ARE
MET, HOWEVER, BY EACH STATE TREATING THE OTHER STATE IN
THE SAME MANNER WITH RESPECT TO THE MATTER IN ISSUE
(E.G., BY EACH STATE EXEMPTING THE STATE AIRCRAFT OF THE
OTHER STATE FROM OVERFLIGHT CHARGES). EQUIVALENT FINANCIAL
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OR OTHER MATERIAL BENEFIT FROM THE RECIPROCAL RIGHTS

ENJOYED BY EACH STATE IS NOT AN ELEMENT OF THE PRINCIPLE
OF RECIPROCITY. THE PRINCIPLE IS A MATTER OF COMITY
BETWEEN NATIONS RATHER THAN A QUESTION OF FINANCIAL OFFSET.

2. USAF ADVISES THAT IT HAS NOT RECEIVED ANY BILLS FOR
OVERFLIGHT FEES FROM ANY OTHER ARAB NATION. ETHIOPIA HAS
SOUGHT TO IMPOSE AIR NAVIGATION FEES ON US MILITARY AIR-
CRAFT; HOWEVER, THE USG HAS NOT ACCDED TO ETHIOPIAN DEMANDS
AND NEGOTIATIONS ON MATTER HAVE BEEN SIDETRACKED BECAUSE
OF UNSETTLED CONDITIONS IN ETHIOPIA. KISSINGER

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